

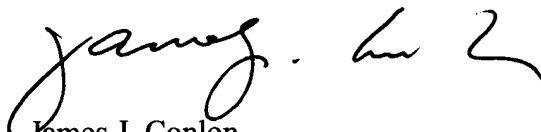
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended the independent claims to more clearly point out the invention and the relationship with the wall mounted device. The structure of applicant's invention is located adjacent the protected device and necessarily spaced a distance from the device to allow the device to be easily accessed for use in all situations. Such an adaptation distinguishes from the cited patent to Poirier, U.S. Patent 4,363,944 (1982) that shows a protected switch that has a flexible strap attached with the switch mounting screws to prevent operation of the switch. The Poirier device is intended prevent inadvertent operation of a wall mounted light switch or machine switch. There is no mention of suggestion of accessibility to the switch in emergencies or by persons with physical limitations such as arthritis in the hands which would prevent rapid or emergency operation of a switch such as the one disclosed in the Poirier reference.

Applicant has clarified language in claims 1 and 7 to define an open and unobstructed area adjacent the protective device wherein the fixture is located. Thus the protective device is adjacent and not on top of the switch. Further, the device is mounted on the wall and not on the device as shown in Poirier.

Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of the newly amended claims. Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions he may feel free to call applicant's attorney to resolve the questions and expedite placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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